



## Robert Gene Anthony Jr.

January 6, 1944 - December 21, 2013

Robert Gene Anthony of Corvallis passed away on Dec. 21, 2013.

He is survived by his wife, Libby Bailey; son, Greg Anthony; daughter, Gina Tummons; sister, Pat Gaschler; and mother, Mary Anthony. He also is survived by six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Reed Anthony; and brother, Jackie Anthony.

First and foremost, Bob was a loving father and husband. He was dedicated to us, his family, and demonstrated it every day. He cooked for us, hunted game for us, and provided a voice of reason for all of our trials and tribulations. He was our rock and our soft shoulder to cry on. He will forever be in our hearts.

Bob was an avid sports fan. In his college days, he played football for Fort Hays College in Kansas. College sports remained a lifelong passion for him. He was a season ticket holder for the Oregon State University Beavers men's football and basketball games. He rarely missed a game and the sports page was the first place he turned when reading the morning paper.

As much as he loved sports, nature was Bob's major passion, and he was happiest when he was hunting or fishing. He requested that his ashes be spread at a favorite hunting spot in the Strawberry Mountains where he

bagged many an elk.

Bob so cherished nature that he dedicated his career to conserving wildlife and the natural environment. He headed the U.S. Geological Survey's Oregon Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at OSU before he retired in 2010 as a Full Professor. He was internationally renowned for his expertise in wildlife ecology, population analysis, and environmental contaminants.

Among his academic accomplishments was serving as major advisor for 46 Master of Science and doctoral graduate students in the field of wildlife ecology. In recent years, Bob probably was best known for his research on Northern Spotted Owls and Bald Eagles. Bob was president of the Oregon Chapter of The Wildlife Society in 1981, and president of The Wildlife Society, an international professional society, during 1997-98.

Bob was a longtime active member of The Wildlife Society, the Ecological Society of America, the Cooper Ornithological Society, the American Society of Mammalogists and the Raptor Research Foundation. He had more than 175 publications in peer-reviewed scientific journals, and recently received the Outstanding Publication award in the Book category from The Wildlife Society for "Population Demography of Northern Spotted Owls."

A celebration of life for Bob is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at the Corvallis Elks Lodge.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Department is establishing a graduate scholarship in Bob's name. To give to the scholarship fund, visit <https://osufoundation.org> and select "Make a Gift"; the gift designation is "Fisheries and Wildlife Unrestricted Fund in Memory of Bob Anthony." You also can send a check with the same information to the OSU Foundation, 850 S.W. 35th St., Corvallis, OR 97333-4015.



# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Bob left the world and the wildlife profession better than he found them. Although never a classroom student of Dr. Anthony's, I have benefitted from his research and friendship over the years. My heart goes out to his family. He was a wonderful man, and we are all richer for having known him.

*Mark Penninger, La Grande Oregon*

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**Mark Penninger** - January 06, 2014 at 01:29 PM

JH

“ Bob was a wonderful mentor to many students and aspiring wildlife professionals. His legacy will live on in the many that he helped and influenced. He was just an all around great and lovable guy, who will be greatly missed but well and long remembered!

*Joan Hagar*



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**Joan Hagar** - January 02, 2014 at 07:08 PM

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“ Although I met Bob one time at Melissa and Greg's wedding, I immediately knew he was a great expert on environmental issues that relate to wildlife and woods...I was in the paper industry at the time, so we had a good chat. My deepest sympathy to his family and friends.

*Diane Dillard - St. Helens, OR*

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**Diane Dillard** - January 02, 2014 at 11:56 AM

TF

“ Bob was a great man, conservation leader, wildlife scientist and friend. His memory lives on!

*With sympathy,*

*Tom Franklin  
Woodbine, Maryland*

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**Tom Franklin** - January 02, 2014 at 11:25 AM

CH

“ Bob will be greatly missed. He was a such a dedicated scientist, skilled outdoorsman, enthusiastic sports fan, caring father/grandfather, and genuine, kind person. I grew up with his son Greg and ate many a dinner at Bob's table. He treated me like a second son, and served as huge inspiration for my choice of a career in natural resources management. While I will continue to feel great sorrow at his passing, I will also be sure to remember his love of life each time I go into the field this year. I think that's how he would have wanted it.

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**Colby Hawkinson** - January 01, 2014 at 01:22 PM

MS

“ I had the very fortunate opportunity to meet and befriend Bob many years ago through Libby. He was truly an exceptional person and exceedingly pleasurable to be around. We had many great conversations about politics, family life, music, dogs, sports, food, and faraway exploits. He genuinely loved life and took advantage of every opportunity to live it to the fullest. I will sorely miss his laugh, sense of humor and easy going nature. He was a fine friend and will always be remembered.

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**Mike Sessa** - January 01, 2014 at 12:57 PM

KM

“ I was one of the many fortunate individuals to have known and been mentored by Bob. He was my major advisor for my MS degree at OSU between 1984-88 and turned out to be one of the most important individuals in the development of my professional career. He fostered independent and creative thinking yet provided wise guidance when needed, and created an atmosphere of friendship and cooperation that has served as my model for advising students over the past 20 years. Bob was a great scientist, mentor and person and the world will be a lot emptier without him. He will live on with me for the rest of my life.

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**Kevin McGarigal** - January 01, 2014 at 09:33 AM

RL

“ My sincere condolences to the family; I am so very sorry for your loss. It was a great pleasure to have had the opportunity to work and coordinate with Bob on bald eagle surveys. He was a wonderful educator and mentor.



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**Robin Leighty** - December 31, 2013 at 01:51 AM

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“ Dominick DellaSala lit a candle in memory of Robert Gene Anthony Jr.



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**Dominick DellaSala** - December 27, 2013 at 08:36 PM

DS

*Sad news on the loss of another highly skilled and dedicated biologist. I met him, as professor of ornithology, when I was in college and I have worked with him on occasion over the 33 years that I have been involved in conservation of birds of prey. He was a dedicated scientist who actively contributed in many ways to our understanding avian biology and ecology, and to substantial progress in wildlife conservation. He was always approachable, upbeat and friendly. I enjoyed chatting with him and I will miss seeing his cheerful smile. He will be remembered.*

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**Dede Steele** - December 31, 2013 at 01:00 PM

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“*Bob Anthony was like a senior brother to me - he was my friend, mentor, and confidant over the years and brought me to Oregon as a young postdoc in 1986 - I will truly miss him and only wish I could have told him how much he meant to me before his passing. I learned so much from Bob and his spirit lives on in each of us. Eagle Bob, Owl Bob, Elk Bob - all these animals and more are part of his spirit that is now in my heart as it is in the wildlife he cared so deeply about. I will miss him and will remember his friendship and kindness - it lives on in me!*

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**Dominick DellaSala** - December 27, 2013 at 08:29 PM

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*Just found out about Bob's passing...what a loss. He was a gentle soul. I am glad our life paths crossed back at the U of AZ.*

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**Rich Glinski** - July 01, 2014 at 12:29 PM